

ABSOLUTE CARNAGE SEPARATION ANXIETY



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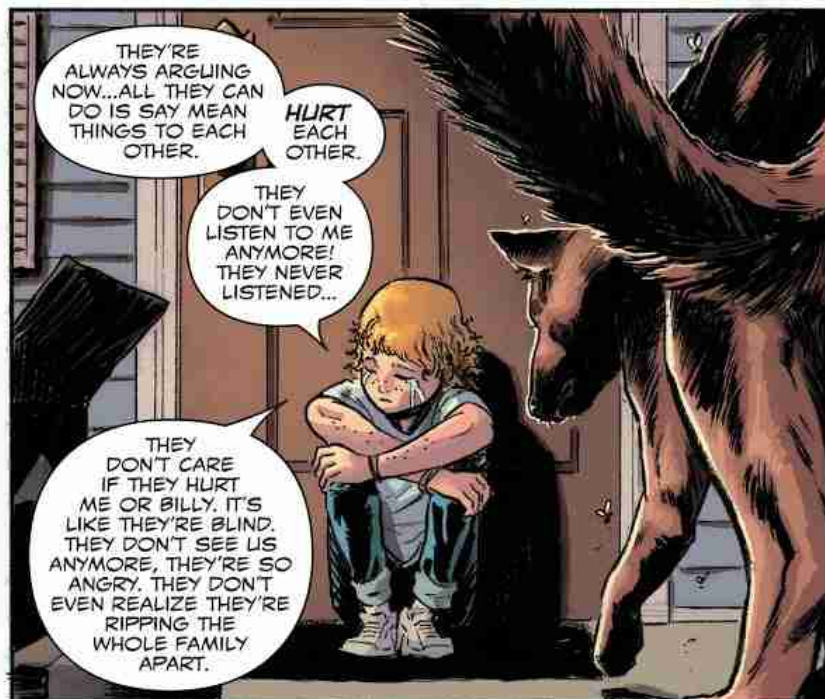
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CARRINGTON COTTAGE, COLORADO.









AS IF
YOU'RE COMING
UP FOR PARENT
OF THE YEAR...

GO AHEAD.
MAKE ME THE
BAD GUY.

IF THE SHOE
FITS...AND I'D SAY
IT FITS YOU JUST
FINE. FITS YOU
PERFECTLY.

YOU CAN PIN
THE BLAME ON ME ALL
YOU WANT...BUT LET'S
BE HONEST WITH
OURSELVES.

YOU
CLOCKED
OUT OF THIS
MARRIAGE
YEARS AGO.
LONG
BEFORE
I DID.

I NEVER
GAVE UP ON
OUR FAMILY.
NEVER. NOT
LIKE YOU!

PLEASE.
I WOULD DO
ANYTHING TO KEEP
OUR FAMILY
TOGETHER.

ANYTHING.

GRRRRRRR!

YEARS AGO, THE LIFE FOUNDATION—A DANGEROUS CONGLOMERATE THAT, FOR A TIME, FOCUSED ITS EFFORTS ON DESTROYING SPIDER-MAN—CAPTURED THE VENOM SYMBIOTE AND FORCED IT TO SPAWN FIVE OFFSPRING: SCREAM, LASHER, RIOT, AGONY AND PHAGE.

FOR YEARS, **THE LIFE FOUNDATION SYMBIOTES**, AS THEY CAME TO BE CALLED, EXISTED SEPARATELY—BUT WHEN ONE OF THE ORGANISMS TURNED TRAITOR AND BEGAN KILLING THEIR HOSTS, THE REMAINING FOUR SYMBIOTES HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO MERGE AND FORM A NEW ENTITY...CALLED HYBRID!

AS HYBRID, THE SYMBIOTES WERE MOST RECENTLY SEEN BONDED TO A STRAY DOG AFTER AN ADVENTURE INVOLVING DEADPOOL.

THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE DOG—AND THE FOUR EXTRATERRESTRIAL CREATURES BONDED TO IT—REMAIN UNKNOWN...



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...FRIEND.





FAMILY.







WHAT HAPPENED TO MOMMY AND DADDY? THEY LOOK LIKE VENOM.

SSH. THEY WON'T FIND US IF WE KEEP QUIET.



SPIDER-MAN USES FIRE AND SOUND TO STOP HIM. THOSE ARE HIS WEAKNESSES.



WE GOTTA FIND A WAY OUTTA HERE.



OUTTA THE HOUSE.

SNF SNFF
SSSNFF...



WHEN THE COAST IS CLEAR, I'M GONNA GO DOWNSTAIRS...

DON'T LEAVE ME!

THERE'S A PHONE IN MOM AND DAD'S ROOM. I'LL ONLY BE GONE FOR A--



SMASH
SMASH
SMASH



SMASH
SMASH
SMASH

AAH!



CRASH



WE HEARD
YOUR CRIES,
SADIE...

HEARD
YOUR PAIN...

WE
HAVE BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR A SAFE
HAVEN...

ISN'T
THAT WHAT
YOU ASKED FOR?
ISN'T THAT WHAT
YOU WANTED?
TO BE WHOLE
AGAIN?

ONE
BIG HAPPY
FAMILY.

CRASH

A
PLACE TO
HIDE.

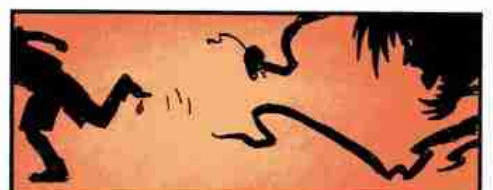
TO CALL
HOME.

WE
CAN HEAL
YOU...ALL
OF YOU.

YOUR
MOTHER...YOUR
FATHER...

WE CAN BE
TOGETHER AGAIN.
COMPLETE
AGAIN...







COME
BACK HERE!
DON'T MAKE ME
COUNT TO THREE!



IN
HERE!
WE'LL
BE OKAY.
MOMMY
AND DADDY
WILL BE
OKAY.

ONE...



SSH.

TWO...



TWO
AND A
HALF...

WHATEVER
YOU DO, DON'T
MAKE A...

SPLCH



...SOUND.

TWO
AND THREE-
QUARTERS...



BILLY!

MMMMPH!







**GIVE ME
BACK MY
FAMILY!**



YOU NEEDED
USSSSSS. YOUR
FAMILY WAS
FALLING TO
PIECES...

YOUR
HOME RIPPED
APART.

WE WILL
HOLD YOUR HOME
TOGETHER. WE
CAN KEEP YOUR
FAMILY UNITED.
CONNECTED!

ISSN'T
THAT WHAT YOU
WANT...? WHAT
YOU ASKED
USSS FOR?

SSSOME
QUALITY
BONDING
TIME?



OH...



ROWR
RAWRR RROW!

YELP!



WAIT
UP, SSSSS!
DON'T LEAVE
MEEE...

Voo







MM-MM-
GOOD! I'M
STARVING...



DON'T TALK
WITH YOUR
MOUTH FULL, SON.
CHEW IT ALL UP.
SWALLOW.
ANYTHING
EXCITING HAPPEN
AT SCHOOL
TODAY, BUD?



CALEB CUSHING
CALLED ESTELLE
OLIVIA A BUTTFACE
IN THIRD PERIOD.

LANGUAGE,
BILLY.
WATCH YOUR
TONGUE.

I'M
JUST
SAYING
WHAT HE
SAID!



HOW
WAS YOUR
DAY AT
WORK,
HON?

EH,
YOU KNOW...
SAME OLD.
ANOTHER DAY,
ANOTHER
DOLLAR.



AH...
AAAH.

I'M SORRY,
MOM. I'M SO
SORRY, BILLY...
I COULDN'T
PROTECT YOU.
THIS...

THIS
IS ALL MY
FAULT.



NO, SADIE...NO,
NO, DON'T SAY THAT.
DON'T YOU SEE?

YOU BROUGHT
US ALL TOGETHER
AGAIN.

WHAT'S THIS?
YOU'VE BARELY
TOUCHED YOUR
FOOD! YOU FEELING
OKAY? NOT
HUNGRY?



I'LL BAT
HERS IF SHE
DOESN'T
WANT IT...

UH-UH,
HANDS TO
YOURSELF...



I WANT
TO SEE A
HAPPY PLATE,
MISSY, OR IT'S
NO DESSERT
FOR YOU...

I'D LIKE
TO PROPOSE A
TOAST...TO OUR
FAMILY.

TO
SADIE.

IF IT
WEREN'T FOR
YOU, DEAR,
NONE OF THIS
WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED.

NOW WE
CAN MAKE OUR
PILGRIMAGE
TO MEET OUR
MAKER.
TO REUNITE
WITH KNULL.

YOU ARE
THE GLUE
THAT BINDS
THIS FAMILY
TOGETHER.

PLOOP

PLOP

BLOOP

AS
ONE.

TO
SADIE.

SSSSAADIEEE...

CHEERS.



NO!

YOU ARE
NOT MY
FAMILY!

SPLCH

RAWWR!

RAAAAR!

SKRRREEE!

HSSSS!

RAAAWR!
RAAAWR!



HOME.

HOME IS
WHERE THE
HEART IS.

THIS HAS ALWAYS
BEEN OUR HOME.

WE WERE
BORN HERE.
WE GREW
UP HERE.

THIS IS THE ONLY
HOME WE'VE
EVER HAD.

EVER
KNOWN.

ALL
PACKED!
TIME TO HIT
THE ROAD,
KIDS...

SADIE!
COME ON, HON...
WE'RE BURNING
DAYLIGHT.



WHO'S READY
TO TAKE A BITE
OUTTA THE BIG
APPLE?

WE ARE,
WE ARE!

ALL RIGHTY,
THEN...AND
AAAAWAY
WE GO!

IF ANYONE
GETS HUNGRY, WE
PACKED A SNACK IN
THE COOLER. JUST
LET US KNOW.

I
SPY...

...WITH
MY LITTLE
EYE...

...SOMETHING
RED.

TO BE
CONTINUED
IN ABSOLUTE
CARNAGE!

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AT LAST!

After over a year of planning, **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE** has fallen upon the Marvel Universe!

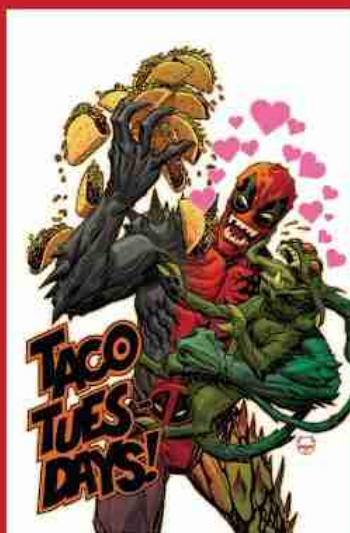
If this is your first **VENOM** book in a while, or your first one ever, **WELCOME!** We hope you survive the experience.

As I write this, **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #1** has only been at the printer for about 48 hours, so we don't have any fan letters from you Venomaniacs out there in Mighty Marveldom just yet...

BUT YOU CAN FIX THAT RIGHT NOW! How?! By writing a letter about this very comic book to us at SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM--be sure to mark it "OKAY TO PRINT" and you may just see it in this very column in another issue of **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE!**

ITEM: No event is complete without an awesome assortment of variant covers, so we wanted to take this opportunity to explain some of the epic variant programs your pals here at the House of Ideas have been working on--and give a shout-out to all of the incredibly talented artists who have contributed to the first wave of variants in the process!

CODEx VARIANTS: These covers showcase characters who have worn Venom or one of its offspring and have codices in their DNA! On this issue, we were fortunate enough to be joined by comics legend Dave Johnson, channeling his inner Merc With a Mouth for this one!



CULT OF CARNAGE VARIANTS: These covers showcase the super villains who have been working with Carnage for the last several months! And who better to kick the program off than the maniacal maestro himself, Cletus Kasady?! Gabriele Dell'Otto joined us for this piece--featured on **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #1**--and I dunno about you guys, but as far as I'm concerned, he created straight-up nightmare fuel here.



shiver

YOUNG GUNS: AH! One of the coolest programs I've ever gotten to work on. The Young Guns are the next generation of industry-defining artists, and each one of them did a variant for the event featuring a redesign of a major Marvel character, based on the part they play in **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE**.

First we have this **STUNNING** Demogoblin redesign from Aaron Kuder that was also featured on **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #1**:



But when last we saw Demogoblin, it seemed to take a male form. How is it back, and why the change in how it manifests? Are these designs simple fantasy, or will they find their way to the Marvel Universe in the pages of **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE**? There's only one way to find out. True Believers: **KEEP READING!**

CONNECTING VARIANTS: Lastly, but certainly by no means least, **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE** and its tie-in miniseries will each be getting interlocking covers. Unfortunately, **SEPARATION ANXIETY** is

a one-shot, which makes it a bit difficult to create a connecting cover for this one. Fortunately, we've got another tie-in to **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE** going on sale this week...**SCREAM!**

The fifth and final Life Foundation symbiote, Scream has always been one of my favorite Marvel characters, and it's been a treat to watch the character return to prominence as a part of **ABSOLUTE**

CARNAGE! The connecting covers on that miniseries were illustrated by none other than Mark Bagley, and I dunno about you, but they're some of my favorite covers **EVER!**



One final note on variant covers before we dip to get this issue to the printer.

If you want one of the covers listed here--or any other cover that's a part of **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE**--and your comic shop doesn't have it, **TELL YOUR COMIC SHOP ABOUT THAT SPECIFIC COVER!** There should be someone from your shop in touch with someone here at the House

of Ideas who'll be able to scare one up. It's never guaranteed, but your local shop should always be your first stop if you're hunting a specific cover down.

And while you're at it, tell them you want the best, and this month the best is **CARNAGE!** 'Cause this summer...

CARNAGE RULES!

#carnagerules

And don't miss **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #1**, one of the best minis I've ever worked on **EVER**, and **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: MILES MORALES #1** and **ABSOLUTE CARNAGE VS. DEADPOOL #1**--both on sale next week!

Stay sharp!

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ABSOLUTE CARNAGE CHECKLIST

AUGUST

X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #1
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: MILES MORALES #1
X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #1
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: LETHAL PROTECTORS #1
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE VS. DEADPOOL #1
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VENOM #17

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ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: LETHAL PROTECTORS #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE VS. DEADPOOL #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE:
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VENOM #18
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ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #3
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VENOM #19
AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #31

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